

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-35. (canceled)

36. (currently amended) A system for fabricating an active agent dosage form for the prolonged delivery of the active agent, comprising:

a source of blanks, each blank comprising an active agent and a groove circumscribing an external surface of the blank;

a forming means for forming a band in a groove circumscribed on the external surface of a blank; which engages the groove and aligns the blank for forming a band in the groove

orienting means for orienting, by way of the groove, the blank with respect to said forming means.

37-38. (cancelled)

39. (currently amended) The system of claim 36, wherein said forming means comprises:

a source of material for the band; and

a rotatable printing wheel which engages the groove and aligns the blank.

40-42. (cancelled)

43. (currently amended) The system of claim 42 39, wherein said printing wheel has a substantially planar outer circumferential surface.

44. (currently amended) The system of claim 42 39, wherein said printing wheel has a concave outer circumferential surface.

45. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~40~~ 36, further comprising:
a transport mechanism that transports the blanks from said source to said banding station.
46. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~45~~ 36, wherein said transport mechanism comprises:
a stationary table; and
a rotating transport table adapted to rotate over said stationary table.
47. (original) The system of claim 46, wherein said rotating transport table defines a plurality of openings positioned linearly on respective radii, said openings adapted to receive blanks from said source.
48. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~40~~ 36, further comprising:
a drying apparatus configured to dry the band.